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REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE.

WHEREAS, a post-secondary funding formula was legislated
by the United States congress on September 23, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula from September
23, 1999 was agreed to by the office of Indian education
programs, now the bureau of Indian education; and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula is a needs-
based formula developed by experts in education finance and is
based on sound economic principles of higher education finance;
and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula from September
23, 1999, though legislated and agreed to, has never been

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1 implemented due to lack of increased funding; and

2 WHEREAS, the southwestern Indian polytechnic institute in
3 Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Haskell Indian nations university
4 in Lawrence, Kansas, as federally operated institutions,
5 receive congressional appropriation funds through the United
6 States department of the interior; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States department of the interior
8 divides the funds for these two schools in a one-third, two-
9 thirds split, with one-third going to southwestern Indian
10 polytechnic institute regardless of student enrollment; and

11 WHEREAS, at the present time, southwestern Indian
12 polytechnic institute is funded at six million seven hundred
13 sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-three dollars (\$6,716,123),
14 although the 2009 post-secondary funding formula documents a
15 funding requirement of seven million eight hundred ninety-four
16 thousand three hundred eighteen dollars (\$7,894,318) to operate
17 southwestern Indian polytechnic institute; and

18 WHEREAS, without an increase in funding, funding for
19 southwestern Indian polytechnic institute will continue to be
20 one million one hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred
21 ninety-five dollars (\$1,178,195) below its basic operating
22 needs; and

23 WHEREAS, despite the growth in the number of programs and
24 student credit hours being provided by southwestern Indian
25 polytechnic institute, the funding has remained the same;

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